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MONTREAL FOR US ICAO REP

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SUBJ: SRV REPS TO ATTEND ICAO MEETING IN MONTREAL

1. ICAO REGIONAL REP P.M. PERALTA WHO ACCCOMPANIED COUNCIL
PRESIDENT DR. A. KOTAITE TO AUG. 3-6 TALKS IN HANOI CONFIRMED
AUG. 11 THAT NORTH VIETNAMESE CIVAIR DELEGATION PLANS TO ATTEND
ICAO ASSEMBLY MEETING IN MONTREAL SEPT. 13-OCT. 5. MR. PERALTA
SAID PHONG THE TAI, SRV'S DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION,
WILL LEAD VIET DELEGATION.

2. MR. PERALTA SAID ICAO IS TRYING ARRANGE INFORMAL MEETING AT
MONTREAL BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS OF THAILAND, LPDR, SRV AND HONG
KONG, WITH ICAO AND IATA REPS AS OBSERVERS, TO DISCUSS LAOS-SRV
OVERFLIGHTS BY FOREIGN COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT ON ROUTE AMBER ONE
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AS WELL AS NEED FOR CONTINGENCY ROUTE R-85. (IATA REP TOLD
EMBOFF THAT IATA'S D-G HAMMARSKJOLD HAD RECEIVED INVITATION
TO RETURN TO HANOI IN JUNE TO DISCUSS OVERFLIGHT FEES BUT OPTED
TO DELAY IN HOPE SRV DEL WOULD ATTEND MONTREAL MEETING.)

3. MR. PERALTA SAID ICAO PARTY WENT TO HANOI AT REQUEST OF SRV
TO DISCUSS PROPOSED ICAO SURVEY OF SRV CIVAIR NEEDS IN TERMS

OF EQUIPMENT, TRAINING, NAVAIDS, ETC. ICAO REPS INTENDED TO RAISE OVERFLIGHT ISSUE, ESPECIALLY FEES, AT END OF MEETING IF AT ALL. INSTEAD, VIETNAMESE RAISED OVERFLIGHT ISSUE ON FIRST DAY, URGING THAT FLIGHTS BEGIN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AT RATE OF ABOUT \$1,000 PER AIRCRAFT. DR. KOTAITE REPORTEDLY TOLD VIETNAMESE THAT NEGOTIATION OF FEES IS NOT AN ICAO RESPONSIBILITY AND SUGGESTED THAT VIETNAMESE AUTHORIZE OVERFLIGHTS AT FEE OF ABOUT \$150-200 TEMPORARILY, PENDING CONCLUSION OF PROPOSED SURVEY, THEN USE RESULTS OF SURVEY TO SET OVERFLIGHT FEES ON BASIS OF ESTABLISHED NEED. VIETNAMESE REPORTEDLY AGREED TO CONSIDER THIS PROPOSAL. OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO U.S. AIRLINES, VIETNAMESE REPORTEDLY SAID THAT AMBER ONE, WHEN OPENED, WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO ALL COMMERCIAL AIRLINES "WITHOUT REGARD TO NATIONALITY." MR. PERALTA SAID HE ASKED, "WHAT ABOUT PAN AMERICAN?" MR. PHONG REPORTEDLY REPLIED, "THAT WILL NOT POSE A PROBLEM."

4. MR. PERALTA SAID VIETNAMESE WERE SOMBER AT OUTSET OF MEETING BUT BLOSSOMED MARKEDLY AFTER DR. KOTAITE ON AFTERNOON OF FIRST DAY INVITED SRV TO ATTEND MONTREAL SESSION. IN PERALTA'S OWN CASE, SRV OFFICIALS HAD ASKED ABOUT HIS NATIONALITY ON BEING INFORMED IN LATE STAGES OF PREPARATIONS THAT PERALTA WOULD SUBSTITUTE FOR ICAO REP PETER ARMOUR. ON BEING INFORMED THAT PERALTA IS PHILIPPINE NATIONAL, SRV PERMITTED PERALTA TO TRAVEL WITHOUT VISA, WHICH WAS ISSUED AFTER ARRIVAL.

PERALTA SAID VIETS ACCORDED HIM TREATMENT MORE CORDIAL THAN THAT GIVEN OTHERS IN HIS DELEGATION. AT END OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INCREASINGLY CONVIVIAL THREE DAYS OF TALKS, THE ORIGINALLY TACITURN MR. PHONG LITERALLY WEIGHTED DOWN HIS GUESTS WITH GIFTS, INCLUDING TWO TABLE LAMPS MADE FROM ARTILLERY SHELLS, DOR DR. KOTAITE.

5. IN REGARD PERSONALITIES, ICAO REPS, LIKE IATA VISITORS, BEFORE THEM, CAME AWAY WITH IMPRESSION THAT CIVAIR DG PHONG IS DYNAMIC, DECISIVE INDIVIDUAL WHO ENJOYS MINISTERIAL RANK. O'DONOHUE

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